

Zone 6 outer

Section 23: Hatch End to Elstree & Borehamwood

Distance: 7.50 mi, 12.00 km

Introduction

This section passes through Bentley Priory Park and Stanmore Country Park before joining the Freedom Pass circuit to Elstree & Borehamwood.

If you do not like this route, you can instead follow Leg 26 of the London Loop, which goes between exactly the same start and finish points, but along a totally different route.

There are places to eat at either end, but not much between.

Directions

Turn left out of Hatch End station, and go up the steps.

Turn left along the main road, across the railway and across The Avenue.

Turn left at the roundabout, then right along Sherington Avenue.

At the end, turn left then right along The Lawns.

At the end, take the footpath between nos. 28 and 27.

At the end, turn right then left then right along a main road.

Start going round the roundabout clockwise, then take the footpath on the left before the brachiosaurus.

Keep on the path, cross a tarmac path and go straight ahead at the next intersection. Start a gentle climb.

When you reach some houses, turn right.

Turn right along the main road, then take the footpath on the left when the road bends slightly to the right.

At the next road, turn right, then turn left into the driveway leading to Lower Priory Farm.

Carry on along the footpath to the right of the farm entrance.

Keep straight on. Eventually you pass houses on the right.

A little later the path bends left and goes over a footbridge and through a kissing gate into Bentley Priory Park.

Keep straight ahead, through a second kissing gate and across a field.

Cross a tarmac path and keep going to the exit. Carry on up Embry Way.

Carry on along the footpath to the right of the school.

Cross the road and carry on along the footpath opposite.

Turn right down the main road.

Take the footpath on the left, immediately before Hewett Close.

At the end, turn right down a residential road.

At the end, take the footpath on the left.

Keep on the path. Do not enter the park on the right.

At the road, turn right. Then take the next left into Stanmore Country Park.

Follow the path round to the left. At the first intersection, keep straight ahead and pass a picnic table on the left.

Climb gently through a clearing with trees on either side.

As the path levels out and enters the trees, turn right at a crossroads.

Keep going in the same general direction. At a T junction just after leaving the trees, go left then right shortly after.

Back in the woods, when you get to a fork, bear right.

Go through a kissing gate, fork left and descend.

Go through another kissing gate, and then keep right alongside a fence, to reach a third kissing gate.

Emerge from the trees. Bear left at the next two forks.

Cross the road and carry on along Pipers Green Lane.

Follow this road, which becomes a path, all the way to the end.

Start to go round the roundabout clockwise. After crossing the first road, carry on straight ahead into the entrance with a barrier.

Go straight ahead past the barrier. At the time of writing there is a worksite here, but you should be allowed to turn left, following a public right of way. This next stretch may be very overgrown.

Bear right at a fork as you approach a thicket.

Bear left along the edge of a field.

Cross the next field diagonally and then keep going in the same direction. At the time of writing a golf course is being created in this area. However, the path is clearly visible and easily navigable.

Bear left (not sharp left) onto a farm track.

Follow the track round to the right, then turn left when you reach a road.

Keep on this road, over the M1 and up a hill, until you reach a main road.

Cross the main road and turn left along the pavement.

Take the footpath right, immediately after Lawn Manor.

Keep on this path through the wood, alongside a wooden fence and then down to a flight a steps.

Turn left at the top of the steps.

Follow the path out of the wood.

Carry on to the middle of the first field, then leave the path by turning right and heading towards a gate with a residential road beyond.

Climb over the fence by the gate, and continue along the road.

Take the first left, which is Bishops Avenue.

At the end, turn right into Lodge Avenue.

At the end, turn right beside the main road and walk into Borehamwood.

After crossing the railway line, go down the steps on the right, and Elstree & Borehamwood Station will be in front of you.